Book Review Guidelines

Reviews will be vetted by the editor and/or members of the *MWSR* editorial board; they will be edited for formatting and stylistic consistency. If changes are minor, the review will be published forthwith. If significant changes have been made or need to be made, the review will be returned to its author for approval/revision. The editors place a high premium on concision and clarity. In general, contributors should avoid: repetitive language, colloquialisms, clichés, passive voice, jargon, and hedging words and locutions—"seem(s)," "perhaps," "probably," "in my opinion," and the like. See further George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language," William Zinsser, *On Writing Well*, and, for more technical matters, the current edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

Required length: 750–2000 words.

Due: within 90 days.

Reviews should typically include

- a concise statement of the book's subject area, preferably in paragraph one;
- an indication of the author's qualifications (academic position and/or relevant professional experience, previous publications, and the like);
- a summary of the book's content, stated purpose, structure, and envisioned audience;
- a substantial (c. 100-word block) quotation or two, to give a sense of the content and style of the book;
- an evaluation of the argument and the evidence used to support it;
- a discussion of what the reviewer finds especially valuable, innovative, useful or not, with appropriate reference to other works on the same or similar topics;
- an indication of any significant errors of fact (minor errors, typos, quibbles, etc., may be registered in a footnote);
- a concluding, pointed assessment of the success or failure of the book in achieving its aims;
- page citations (in parentheses) for all quotations.

Reviews should not include

- political or *ad hominem* attacks on the author;
- drawn-out counterarguments or hobby-horses of the reviewer;
- overly long quotations.

Send review via e-mail attachment (MS Word) to editor@michiganwarstudiesreview.com.

Expect publication within ca. 90 days.